

DIARY NOTES

Executive Director-Comptroller *[Signature]* 20 December 1965

25X1 1. Following Dick Helms' remark at the Morning Meeting about keeping in touch with the Operations Center and using it to transmit messages over weekends and holidays, and particularly during the next few days, [] called me to raise a question. Since SIDO's cannot possibly identify the voices of our senior officials, it is always possible that they might mistake a newsman for one of our senior officials and give out considerable information. He solicited my reaction to requiring each caller to identify himself with some prearranged code such as his badge number. I told Jim that I thought this might be a very good idea and asked him to mention it at the Morning Meeting.

2. Being unable to reach John Macy, I talked with his assistant, Wilfred Gill, about our problems in connection with Executive Order 11222 and the implementing Civil Service regulations which would require us to publish our regulations on ethics in the Federal Register. I explained to Mr. Gill that we want to request an exemption from the requirement to publish our regulations, although we would certainly have a regulation of our own, and that, in general, we subscribe fully to their objectives. I told him that, during discussions with their Office of General Counsel, they had expressed an opinion that we would have to talk to Lee White at the White House and that I was really touching base with Mr. Macy's office to ensure that they had no objection to our talking to Lee White. It was Mr. Gill's opinion that Mr. Macy would grant us an exemption from publication and that it would not be necessary to talk to Lee White. He agreed to explore the matter, however, and to advise me in a day or two. (I passed the above along to Bob Bladergroen in the Office of General Counsel, who is working on this problem for Larry Houston.)

3. I met with John Clarke and [] and later with John Clarke, Tom Karamessines, [] to discuss the allocation of DD/P personnel positions. I made it clear to Tom that I believe we cannot in good conscience take positions which we had defended at the Bureau of the Budget and the Congress for the Southeast Asia war effort and use them elsewhere. (I think Tom has accepted this position, and hopefully this problem will be put to rest.)

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4. Dick Helms related to me a request which he received from Jim Jones, an assistant to Marvin Watson, for two telephone operators for the White House. This conversation took place in my presence, and Dick gave Mr. Jones a very rough time. However, Dick did ask me to see if we could provide the two telephone operators, and I have levied this requirement on [REDACTED]

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5. John Bross called to say that he was lunching with Allen Dulles to talk about the Educational Aid Fund and that he was very enthusiastic about the possibility of getting Matt Baird to work on the EAF. I told John that I had not talked with Matt about this possibility and did not know whether he would be interested or available but that, should he be and should the Board of Trustees want him to work in this area, I would be glad to arrange a contract job for him which would make it possible.

6. Tracy Barnes telephoned to say that, subject to my approval, he has satisfactorily solved the [REDACTED] problem by adjusting his salary retroactively to the grade he held in the Department of Defense at the time of his transfer to CIA. This will mean that he must pay back some money, but he has agreed to do this. I told Tracy that I thought this was the proper course of action under the circumstances.

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7. I met with Dick Helms, Walt Elder, and [REDACTED] to discuss the appropriate action to be taken in connection with another Newsweek article which is critical of the Director. I felt that the Director should be notified since this article is certain to be brought to his attention in some other way in the very near future. We finally agreed that Walt Elder will telephone the Director tomorrow and invite his attention to the article. We all agreed that any action we might try to take to identify the "leaks" would be counterproductive.

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8. I met with Dick Helms, John Bross, Howard Osborn, Walt Elder, and Hank Knoche to discuss two copies of a classified document which we are unable to locate at the moment. It was the consensus that the documents are probably in this building, and we agreed that those registries most likely to have them would be thoroughly searched before we conclude that the documents are actually lost.

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9. Dr. Tietjen and I exchanged status reports on the subject of alcoholism. My interest in this problem has started considerable action in his staff, and he is drafting a proposed policy paper as well as other papers which together will constitute a proposed program. I told him about my recent meeting with the Deputies and my tentative commitment to arrange two sessions, one with him, Des FitzGerald, and Jack Earman, and another with him, the four Deputies, Jack Earman, and Larry Houston. I assured Dr. Tietjen that I would not ask him to participate in either of these meetings prior to 3 January, at which time he committed himself to be ready.

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